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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH PLANS TO VISIT TOGO

REF: LOME 841 AND 856 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED THAT PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH PLANS TO DEPART NOUAKCHOTT APRIL 23 FOR LOME IN ORDER TO ATTEND TOGOLESE INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES. AMONG OTHERS, PARTY WILL INCLUDE MINISTER OF PLAN & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, SIDI OULD CHEIKH ABDALLAHI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF PRESIDENCY, MOHAMED ALI CHERIF, AND DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, TAKI OULD SIDI. WHEN EMB. OFF. ASKED CHERIF RECENTLY IF KIM IL-SONG IS ALSO EXPECTED AT CELEBRATION, CHERIF REPLIED WITH APPARENT GENUINE SURPRISE THAT THIS IS FIRST TIME HE HAD HEARD OF POSSIBILITY.

2. COMMENT: PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH MADE FREQUENT VISITS TO CAPITALS THROUGHOUT CONTINENT. VISIT TO TOGO IS, HOWEVER, OF MORE THAN USUAL INTEREST HERE, COMING AS IT DOES ON HEELS OF HIS MEETINGS IN CHAD AND CAMEROUN WITH PRESIDENTS TOMBALBAYE AND AHIDJO (NOUAKCHOTT 717). WITHIN 24 HOURS OF OULD DADDAH'S RETURN TO NOUAKCHOTT, TOMBALBAYE WAS DEPOSED. THIS EVENT DEEPLY CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCERNED OULD DADDAH AND WE NOTE WITH SPECIAL INTEREST, THEREFORE,

THAT HE PLANS TO DEPART MAURITANIA RELATIVELY SOON AFTER CHANGE
OF GOVERNMENT IN CHAD. END COMMENT.

3. FYI NORTH KOREAN VICE MINISTER OF CULTURE, KIM MYOUNG RAK,
COMPLETED FIVE DAY VISIT TO MAURITANIA IN MID-APRIL.
HE HEADED LARGE ARTISTIC GROUP WHICH HELD SERIES OF WELL-
PUBLICIZED PERFORMANCES IN NOUAKCHOTT. END FYI.HANDYSIDE

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